



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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## **ROUTE 676 BRIDGE OVER LITTLE BACK CREEK TO CLOSE IN BATH COUNTY**

### ***Bridge Closure Will Be Permanent***

**STAUNTON** – On Monday, Aug. 24 at approximately 10 a.m. the Virginia Department of Transportation will permanently closed the Route 676 (Gatewood Drive) bridge over Little Back Creek in Bath County. Route 676 intersects with Route 39 and is just west of Warm Springs.

Route 676 carries less than 30 vehicles per day. The thru-truss bridge was constructed in 1932.

A recent bridge inspection conducted by VDOT revealed that the bridge can no longer support long-term traffic. Several parts of the bridge have been damaged from apparent vehicle impacts. Other parts of the bridge show severe damage or structural failure including the bridge stringers.

Route 676 and Route 39 can be used for local traffic around the bridge. Residents and travelers will continue to have access to property in this area.

VDOT Staunton Bridge Engineer Keith Weakley, P.E. says the bridge will not be reopened and funding is not available for an immediate replacement.

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

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